



# Improving Early Childhood Education through Inclusive Preschool Programming



## Purpose

The Nisonger Center Early Childhood Education Program serves 64 young children with developmental disabilities on the OSU Medical Center Campus. Our program aims to enhance the development of children with disabilities through high-quality developmental programming. A partnership with the OSU Child Care Center and the opening of a new Full-Day Child Care program provide an even more enriched and positive learning experience where children with and without disabilities can learn and play alongside one another.

## Impact

Assist children with disabilities in meeting family-centered and educational goals in all developmental areas, including communication, socialization, and motor skills.

Provide training for students across the university on how to provide high-quality developmental care and education for children with a wide range of needs and abilities.

Enhance the development of young children by providing play-based educational programming, augmented by the presence of peers with and without disabilities.

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

The Nisonger Center  
Department of Psychology  
OSU Child Care Center

## Community Partners Involved

Franklin County Board of  
Developmental Disabilities  
Help Me Grow (Ohio Department  
of Health)  
The Columbus Foundation  
Children with disabilities and their  
families from across Franklin  
County



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## How you can get involved:

- Distribute fliers related to new program expansion
- Funding to support program improvements (e.g., playground, adaptive equipment)
- Assistance on marketing plan development

## To get involved, contact:

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